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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S TRIP TO AFRICA: LIVINGSTONE AND MEETINGS WITH
FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS AND RHODESIAN ANC LEADERS

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1. REGRETTABLY KAUNDA HAS TURNED DOWN OUR REQUEST TO ACCOMPANY SECRETARY TO LIVINGSTONE, TO CONVOKE MEETING OF THREE OR EVEN TWO PRESIDENTS IN ZAMBIA DURING SECY'S STOPOVER, OR TO PARTICIPATE IN ARRANGEMENTS FOR SECY'S MEETING WITH AN LEADERS IN LUSAKA. KAUNDA DISCOURAGED OUR MAKING LAST-MINUTE REQUESTS FOR MEETINGS WITH MACHEL AND KHAMA. ACCORDINGLY, WE RECOMMEND: (A) SECY PLAN TO GIVE MAJOR POLICY SPEECH IN LUSAKA IN PRESENCE OF KAUNDA; (B) MAKE BRIEF VISIT TO LIVINGSTONE ON GRZ PLANE (SCENARIO FOLLOWS SEPTTEL); (C) DISCONTINUANCE OF FURTHER EFFORTS THROUGH ZAMBIANS TO SET UP ADDITIONAL MEETINGS WITH KHAMA AND MACHEL BUT MAKE FINAL TRY AT MEETINGS THROUGH EMBASSIES MAPUTO AND GABORONE IF IN RESPECTIVE JUDGMENT OUR AMBASSADORS THERE IT WORTH A FINAL TRY; (D) DROP IDEA OF MEETING WITH MUZOREWA IN LUSAKA AS HE WILL NOT BE HERE BUT WILL BE IN NORTH AFRICA AND US ON URGENT PRIOR ENGAGEMENTS; (E) CONSIDER MEETING IN LUSAKA WITH MUZOREWA'S DESIGNEE, PERHAPS NDBANINGI SITHOLE; (F) PLAN TO MEET WITH NKOMO IN LUSAKA UNLESS HIS BUSINESS IN LONDON WEEK OF APR 19 PREVENTS HIM FROM RETURNING TO LUSAKA

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WHEN SECY HERE.

2. IN BRIEF MEETING WITH KAUNDA EASTER SUNDAY MORNING

THANKED HIM FOR TIME, ATTENTION AND EXCELLENT PREPARATIONS BEING MADE BY HIS GOVT FOR SECY'S VISIT APR 26-27, ESPECIALLY FOR PLANE WHICH GRZ SO GENEROUSLY PUTTING AT SECY'S DISPOSAL FOR TRIP TO LIVINGSTONE. SAID I HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SEEK HIS VIEWS ON SEVERAL QUESTIONS REGARDING ZAMBIAN VISIT.

3. KAUNDA SAID ZAMBIA PLEASED AND FLATTERED SECY HAD CHOSEN ZAMBIA AS POINT ON HIS ITINERARY FOR A MAJOR US POLICY STATEMENT ON SOUTHERN AFRICA. I EXPLAINED SECY WOULD LIKE KAUNDA TO BE PRESENT WHEN ADDRESS GIVEN AND ASKED WHAT HE CONSIDERED WOULD BE BEST LOCAL PLATFORM FOR DELIVERY. KAUNDA IMMEDIATELY SAID LIVINGSTONE AT SOME LUNCHEON DOWN THERE BUT QUICKLY AND VERY FIRMLY ADDED HE HIMSELF COULD NOT RPT NOT GO TO LIVINGSTONE. I SAID THAT IN THAT CASE SECY WOULD PROBABLY WISH TO REVERT TO ORIGINAL SUGGESTION TO GIVE SPEECH IN KAUNDA'S PRESENCE AT

STATE HOUSE AT CONCLUSION OF LUNCHEON PRES HOSTING. KAUNDA SAID WHAT SECY WISHED TO SAY AND WHERE HE SAID IT WAS A MATTER OF US CONCERN AND POLICY IN WHICH HE HAD VERY LITTLE SAY. REITERATED HE PLEASED STATEMENT TO BE MADE IN ZAMBIA.

4. I THEN SAID SECY VERY MUCH WANTED TO MEET WITH PRES MACHEL AND KHAMA AND I ASKED KAUNDA'S VIEWS ON POSSIBILITY

OF SUCH MEETING IN ZAMBIA. I SAID SUBJECT OF EXTENDING SECY'S MEETINGS TO INCLUDE ALL FRONT-LINE PRESIDENTS HAD BEEN RAISED BY OUR AMBASSADOR IN DAR WITH PRES NYERERE WHO HAD NOT THOUGHT IT POSSIBLE DURING DAR STOP BUT HAD SUGGESTED MATTER MIGHT BE TAKEN UP WITH ZAMBIAN PRES. KAUNDA GAVE SIGN OF PRIOR KNOWLEDGE, PERHAPS THROUGH TELCON WITH NYERERE. HE IMMEDIATELY SAID IT WOULD "NOT BE FAIR NOR RIGHT" FOR HIM TO ASK PRES MACHEL AND KHAMA TO COME TO ZAMBIA TO SEE SECY; MOREOVER SAID HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE SERIOUS BREACH IN AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY" IF SUCH ARRANGEMENT ATTEMPTED. ADDED THAT MACHEL AND KHAMA "AFTER ALL WERE CHIEFS OF STATE" AND SHOULD BE MET IN THEIR OWN COUNTRIES. BUT HE FELT IT TOO LATE NOW AS THEY WERE NOT INCLUDED IN ORIGINAL PLAN OF TRPH. SAID IT WOULD "BE WRONG" TO ATTEMPT TO INCLUDE

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THEM "AT LAST MINUTE". KAUNDA MADE IT CLEAR HE DID NOT WANT TO BE A PARTY TO SUCH ARRANGEMENT. HOWEVER, AS SOMETHING OF AN AFTERTHOUGHT, PERHAPS TO ASSUAGE HIS RATHER STERN REMARKS, KAUNDA SUGGESTED THAT IF SENATOR PERCY SEES PRES MACHEL IN MAPUTO APR 19 HE MIGHT PUT QUESTION TO HIM OR FOR THAT MATTER AMBASSADOR THERE MIGHT ALSO RAISE IT.

5. TO INDICATE OUR AWARENESS OF SENSITIVITIES RAISED BY KAUNDA

I SAID WE HAD GIVEN SOME CONSIDERATION TO SECY CROSSING ZAMBEZI INTO BOTSWANA AT KAZUNGULA FERRY TO MEET WITH KHAMA BUT HAD WANTED TO KNOW KAUNDA'S VIEWS FIRST. ALSO SAID ANOTHER POSSIBILITY (NOT YET VETTED WITH WASHINGTON) WAS THAT OF TOUCHING DOWN BRIEFLY AT MAPUTO EN ROUTE DAR TO LUSAKA, ASSUMING TIME COULD BE STOLEN SOMEWHERE. KAUNDA NODDED APPROVINGLY AT MENTION OF ARRANGEMENT FOR MEETING KHAMA, THEN QUICKLY RE-ITERATED THAT IT WILL SURELY BE TAKEN AS OFFENSE IF US WERE TO TRY TO INCLUDE MOZAMBIQUE AND BOTSWANA AT ELEVENTH HOUR.

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6. THEN TURNING TO MEETING WITH ANC LEADERS, I SAID WE WANTED KAUNDA

TO KNOW WE TRYING TO SET THIS UP DURING SECY'S STOPOVER IN LUSAKA BUT WE WERE HAVING DIFFICULTY BECUASE BISHOP MUZOREWA WAS LEAVING LUSAKA APR 24 AND WOULD BE IN NORTH AFRICA APR 26 AND IN US LAST OF APR AND EARLY MAY. AS FOR NKOMO WE HAVE THRICE LEFT WORD WITH HIS DEPUTIES IN BULWAWAYO IN SUCCESSIVE TELECONS TO RHODESIA, BUT HAVE STILL NOT CONTACTED NKOMO DIRECTLY BECAUSE HE BUSY WITH FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SISTER WHO DIED IN AUTO ACCIDENT FRIDAY NIGHT. KAUNDA JUST NODDED AFTER THIS ACCOUNT OF OUR EFFORTS. TO MY SUGGESTION THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF ZAMBIANS LENT THEIR WEIGHT AND PRESTIGE TO OUR PROPOSAL FOR SECY TO MEET WITH ANC LEADERS, KAUNDA TURNED ME OFF BY SAYING IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE. WHILE ANC LEADERS AND SECY MOST WELCOME IN ZAMBIA, HE SAID MEETINGS AMONG US WERE OUR AFFAIR, ALTHOUGH ZAMBIA CERTAINLY INTERESTED THAT WE

INTERESTED IN LIBERATION LEADERS.

7. COMMENT: WE FEEL WE HAVE GONE FULL CIRCLE AROUND AMB DUPREE'S ORIGINAL SUGGESTION THAT WE SEE HOW THERE BE ARRANGED A MEETING OF FOUR FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS OR CLOSE APPROXIMATION THEREOF TO COINCIDE WITH SECY'S VISIT TO AREA. NYERERE AND KAUNDA APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN IN CONSULTATION ON PROPOSAL AND OF ONE MIND THAT IT NOT WORKABLE. KAUNDA WAS CERTAINLY MORE NEGATIVE THAN NYERERE AND WE DOUBT THAT FURTHER EFFORTS WILL BE SUCCESSFUL
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IF WE ARE TO BELIEVE KAUNDA THAT THESE CHIEFS OF STATE WOULD TAKE UMBRAGE AT A "LAST MINUTE" REQUEST. NEVERTHELESS, DEPT KY#STILL FEEL IT WORTH MAKING ONE LAST TRY THROUGH OUR AMBASSADORS AT MAPUTO AND GABORONE. IN MEANTIME WE WILL BE PURSUING OUR EFFORTS WITH MUZOREWA AND NKOMO TO SEE WHAT WE CAN SET UP WITH THEM OR THEIR DEDHNEES#DESPITE DISCOURAGEMENTS THUS FAR (SEPTEL).

8. AS TO OTHER QUESTIONS IN STATE 94177, AUDIENCE FOR SECY'S STATEMENT IN LIVINGSTONE WOULD BE POOR INDEED AS IT SOMETHING OF A GHOST TOWN WITH SMALL SCATTERING OF TOURISTS. TO FIELD AN AUDIENCE OF PARTY AND GOVT OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS PLUS 40 OR SO REPS OF INTERNATIONAL PRESS WHO WILL BE HERE FOR OCCASION WOULD BE MAJOR AND PERHAPS INSURMOUNTABLE LOGISTICAL PROBLEM. GETTING PRESS ONLY THERE MIGHT BE WORKABLE BUT THEN KAUNDA WOULD NOT BE THERE. WE MUST ASSUME SECY ATTACHES GREATER IMPORTANCE TO SPEAKING IN PRESENCE OF KAUNDA, THUS WE RECOMMEND RETURN TO SCHEDULE IN WHICH SECRETARY MAKES STATEMENT AFTER LUNCHEON AT STATE HOUSE.

9. ALTHOUGH SETTING FOR DELIVERY OF STATEMENT IN LIVINGSTON WOULD BE MORE DRAMATIC, IT WOULD NOT BE LIKELY TO GAIN GREATER INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION AND DISSEMINATION SOLELY BY VIRTUE OF THIS MORE COLORFUL LOCATION. SUGGESTIONS FOR SCHEDULING TRIP TO LIVINGSTONE AND DETAILS OF WHAT ZAMBIANS WOULD SPECIFICALLY PROPOSE FOR LIVINGSTONE-VICTORIA FALLS TRIP ARE INCLUDED IN OUR SCENARIO UP DATE (SEPTEL).
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